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In re the Application of:

**OKADA, et al.**

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For. **METHOD FOR OPERATING MULTI-INDUSTRY  
INTEGRATED COMPLEX FOR BASIC INDUSTRIAL PLANTS**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Date: January 28, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated **September 24, 2003** for two months from **December 24, 2003** to **February 24, 2004**.

Attached please find a check in the amount of **\$420.00** to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,  
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